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- 25X1 1. The Taubentzien Kaserne, Stendal (A 53/Y 85), was occupied from 25 April to 15 May 1950 by about 1,000 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. No troops were shipped out during that period.
- 25X1 2. On 4 May 1950 troops had record firing with rifles and light machine guns in the training area located in the direction of Arnim. About 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were seen returning from that area on trucks

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4. From 25 April to 15 May 1950 the Hindenburg Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Several officers wore artillery insignia.
5. About 300 soldiers were drilling on 3 May 1950.

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7. A high unit headquarters, * several headquarters units whose members wore red-bordered black epaulets, a unit whose members wore red-bordered black epaulets, a unit whose members wore black-bordered crimson epaulets, and a few soldiers wearing green epaulets were stationed in the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne, including the Russian Quarters, (sic) from 25 April to 15 May 1950. The troops in the installation were estimated at about 3,000 men.

8. Practice firing was conducted in the area near Arnim on 28 April 1950. Truck [] carrying nine soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and towing a heavy mortar, was seen returning from that area.

9. Twenty-five soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets and carrying shovels marched from the Albrecht der Baer Kaserne to the railroad station on 3 May 1950. They were guarded by six soldiers who wore green epaulets and carried submachine guns.

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* [] comment. Presumably a corps headquarters.

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[] It can therefore be assumed that the Stendal headquarters and units were still at their stations and were engaged in training near the post in mid-May 1950.

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